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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE G-27 WORKING PAPER ON
RESTRUCTURING PASSED TO US BY SAUNDERS OF JAMAICA. SINCE
HE HAS ALREADY LEFT FOR GENEVA, WE WERE NOT ABLE TO ASCERTAIN
THE STATUS OF THAT PART OF THE TEXT IN BRACKETS.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONS -

1. THESE SHOULD BE RETAINED BEARING IN MIND THE PROVISIONS
OUTLINED IN SECTION IV.
2. (STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL TO ENSURE THAT THE
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SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE ECE PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY, FULLY,
AND POSITIVELY, IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE U.N. SYSTEM RELATED
TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORDER, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COOPERATION ACTIVITIES
DIRECTED TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. TO
THIS END, LINKS BETWEEN THE ECE AND THE OTHER REGIONAL
COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED AND CLOSE TIES ESTABLI-

SHED BETWEEN THEIR SUBSIDIARY BODIES).

STANDING COMMITTEES -

3. THE COUNCIL SHOULD ASSUME THE ROUTINE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD BE ABOLISHED, BEARING IN MIND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, MANDATE AND PROCEDURES, AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO FUTURE DECISION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE LIGHT OF POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE U.N. CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RELATING TO INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE WOULD RETAIN ITS FUNCTIONS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE (INCLUDING ITS OPEN-ENDED MEMBERSHIP) IN THE CONTEXT OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE AND SHOULD BE RENAMED "THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE U.N. CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT," WHICH WOULD OF COURSE DISBAND ON THE COMPLETION OF ITS TASK.

4. THE COUNCIL SHOULD SIMILARLY ASSUME THE ROUTINE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS WHICH WOULD BE ABOLISHED, BEARING IN MIND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, MANDATE, AND PROCEDURES.

HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE WOULD RETAIN ITS FUNCTIONS IN RESPECT OF THE DRAFTING OF A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TNCs AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE RENAMED "THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS" WHICH WOULD DISBAND ON THE CONCLUSION OF ITS TASK.

5. THE COUNCIL SHOULD ASSUME THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL WHICH WOULD BE ABOLISHED, BEARING IN MIND THE COUNCIL'S RELATIVELY SUBSTANTIVE LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL EXERCISE, AS WELL AS THE TERMS OF REFERENCE, MANDATE, AND PROCEDURES OF THE COMMITTEE.

6. THE COUNCIL SHOULD ASSUME THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES WHICH WOULD BE ABOLISHED, BEARING IN MIND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, MANDATE, AND PROCEDURES.

7. THE COUNCIL SHOULD FORMALISE ITS PRACTICE IN RECENT TIMES, OF DEALING WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES ON AN AD-HOC BASIS AS WHEN REQUIRED, AND ABOLISH THAT COMMITTEE.

8. THE COUNCIL SHOULD ALSO MAKE AD-HOC ARRANGEMENTS AS AND WHEN REQUIRED, TO DEAL WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND ABOLISH THAT COMMITTEE.

9. THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION SHOULD REMAIN INTACT, BEARING IN MIND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; ITS EXISTING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SYSTEM-WIDE PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, AND COORDINATION; AND THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OUTLINED IN SECTION IV.

10. THE FUTURE OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING, AND PLANNING SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE REPORT REQUESTED BY IT FROM THE ECOSOC ON "INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS" AND BEARING IN MIND THE THRUST OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THIS AD-HOC COMMITTEE.

FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS -
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11. THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN SHOULD BE ABOLISHED AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES ASSUMED BY THE COUNCIL, BEARING IN MIND THE INCLUSION OF THE ASPECT OF WOMEN IN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF DEVELOPMENT ISSUES.

12. THE COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD SIMILARLY BE ABOLISHED, BEARING IN MIND THE INCLUSION OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ASPECTS IN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF DEVELOPMENT ISSUES.

STANDING EXPERT BODIES -

13. THE STATUS OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON TAX REFORM PLANNING SHOULD BE CHANGED TO THAT OF AD-HOC SO THAT IT DISBANDS AFTER COMPLETION OF ITS SPECIFIC TASK.

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PROGRAMME IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SHOULD ALSO BE CHANGED
TO THAT OF AD-HOC SO THAT IT DISBANDS AFTER COMPLETION OF
ITS SPECIFIC TASK.

15. THE STATUS OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES
SHOULD SIMILARLY BE CHANGED TO THAT OF AD-HOC SO THAT IT
DISBANDS AFTER COMPLETION OF ITS SPECIFIC TASKS.

16. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON CRIME PREVENTION
AND CONTROL SHOULD BE DEALT WITH ON AN AD-HOC BASIS AS AND
WHEN APPROPRIATE, WITH ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF
THE ASPECT OF "TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS" ASSUMED BY THE
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

17. THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON TAX TREATIES BETWEEN DEVELOPED
AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE RELOCATED WITHIN THE
CONTEXT OF UNCTAD AND ITS STATUS SHIFTED TO THAT OF AD-HOC
SO THAT IT DISBANDS ON THE COMPLETION OF ITS SPECIFIC TASKS.

18. THE CHANGES PROPOSED ABOVE SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT
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PREJUDICE TO DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL ON QUESTIONS RELATING
TO QUALIFICATIONS OF, AND PAYMENT OF EXPENSES FOR, REPRESENTATIVES
ON THESE BODIES.

AD-HOC BODIES -

19. BEARING IN MIND THE FOREGOING PROPOSALS FOR SHIFTING THE
STATUS OF CERTAIN BODIES TO AD-HOC (WHETHER INTER-GOVERNMENT
OR OTHER IN NATURE), THE GROUP ON CONTAINER STANDARDS FOR
INTERNATIONAL MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT WILL OF COURSE DISBAND
AFTER CONCLUDING ITS TASK.

20. THE COUNCIL SHOULD REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF WORK OF ALL ITS
AD-HOC SUBSIDIARY MACHINERY, AND WHERE NECESSARY, SET NEW
DEADLINES FOR THE COMPLETION OF THEIR TASKS AND SUBMISSION
OF THE RELEVANT REPORTS.

SUB-SUBSIDIARY MACHINERY -

21. THE COUNCIL SHOULD REVIEW THE SUBSIDIARY MACHINERY OF ALL ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS WITH A VIEW TO RATIONALIZING THE WORK AND STRUCTURES OF THESE BODIES AND REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE ACTION TAKEN IN THIS RESPECT NOT LATER THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THESE RECOMMENDATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SUBSEQUENTLY, ORGANS/BODIES OF THE COUNCIL SHALL NOT IN FUTURE CREATE NEW STANDING OR AD-HOC SESSIONAL OR INTER-SESSIONAL BODIES WITOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL.

REPRESENTATION -

2. PARTICIPATION IN ALL SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE ECOSOC SHOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE ADJUSTED WHERE APPLICABLE, TO REFLECT THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION. THE NEED FOR ACCOMODATION OF OTHER CRITERIA (E.G. - TAX SYSTEM) SHOULD BE FULFILLED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SUCH DISTRIBUTION.

23. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD EXAMINE AND REVIEW THE RATIOS NOW APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION, WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING THAT SUCH RATIOS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PRESENT REGIONAL PROPORTIONS RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

24. WHERE ALLOCATION OF SEATS ARE PRESENTLY PROVIDED FOR ON THE BASIS OF A COMBINATION OF REGIONAL GROUPS (E.G. - AFRO-ASIAN), STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO CLEARLY DEFINE THE SEATS AS APPLICABLE TO EACH REGIONAL GROUP SEPARATELY.

PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNCIL -

25. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE INCREASED TO 64 (OR THEREABOUTS) SO AS TO COMPENSATE FOR THE LOSS OF REPRESENTATION POSSIBILITIES IN THOSE CASES WHERE THE COUNCIL WILL ASSUME THE FUNCTIONS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES, AND BEARING IN MIND THE DECISION TO REVIEW THE EXISTING RATIOS APPLICABLE TO EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS. THIS INCREASE WOULD ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS SINCE THE LAST INCREASE IN ECOSOC MEMBERSHIP IN 1973.

26. OBSERVER STATES, MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, SHOULD HAVE ALL THE RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP (INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS) EXCEPT THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

27. OBSERVER STATES NOT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD

CONTINUE TO ENJOY EXISTING RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION.

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL -
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28. THE COUNCIL SHOULD HOLD FREQUENT SUBJECT-ORIENTED SESSIONS
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR (EXCEPT DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY)
IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT IN A CO-ORDINATED, EFFECTIVE,

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AND COMPREHENSIVE MANNER, THE ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS ASSUMED
FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES AS WELL AS TO FACILITATE THE
EFFECTIVE CARRYING OUT OF OTHER FUNCTIONS WITHIN ITS
RESPONSIBILITIES.

29. THE COUNCIL SHOULD HOLD SPECIAL SESSIONS AT THE
MINISTERIAL OR OTHER HIGH POLICY-MAKING LEVEL, TO REVIEW
MAJOR ISSUES IN THE WORLD ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION
AND TO DEAL WITH EMERGING PROBLEMS RELATING TO SUCH
SITUATIONS, (AS AND WHEN THE COUNCIL MAY DECIDE) (TO TAKE
PLACE ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS).

FUTURE ACTION -

30. ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY FUTURE ACTIONS OR DECISIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN RESPECT OF ECOSOC OR ITS SUBSIDIARY MACHINERY.

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ECOSOC AND SUBSIDIARY MACHINERY

BASED ON THE FOREGOING PROPOSALS, ECOSOC WOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING SUBSIDIARY BODIES:-

STANDING COMMITTEES -

1. COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION

FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS -

1. STATISTICAL
2. POPULATION
3. HUMAN RIGHTS
4. NARCOTIC DRUGS

REGIONAL COMMISSIONS -

ALL

STANDING EXPERT BODIES-

1. COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING
2. ACAST
3. COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

AD-HOC BODIES -

1. AD-HOC GROUP ON CONTAINER STANDARDS
2. EXPERT GROUP ON TAX REFORM PLANNING
3. MEETING OF EXPERTS ON U.N. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMME
4. GROUP OF EXPERTS ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES.

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